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A Footnote to the Assassination of JFK

Riding the Tiger's Back is based on documents discovered in 1988 by Karl von Kleist in his father's estate. The documents tell the story of Robert Clayton Buick who befriended Karl's dad, Ricard.

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Meanwhile, Buick turned to crossing the border and robbing 22 U.S. banks making the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list. He was ultimately convicted and given three 20-year sentences. Oddly, he was released after barely serving five years during which time Jim Garrison was contacting him and Ricard von Kleist. Buick seemingly disappeared when released, but was first privately questioned by police from Los Angeles "about the Sirhan thing."

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